

SENATE RESOLUTION 15

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Patricia Y. Riley
Lewis of Memphis.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Patricia Y. Riley
Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Lewis was an author, composer, and evangelist who preached
the Good News to people both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis worked in secular jobs for thirty-two years before being called into
full-time ministry; she received her Doctorate of Arts in Ministry from Rochville University in
Maryland in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Lewis was a renowned, anointed gospel recording artist whose
musical achievements spanned from 1975 to the present day; she was known for her original
singles, "Stop By Here" and "He's Been Good," and she was the recipient of numerous awards
and accolades for her music; and

WHEREAS, for more than seventeen years, she shared her ministry with thousands of
viewers on her local cable television program, *Deliverance of the Word*, and she was a noted
speaker at the National Holy Convocation, women's conventions, and AIM and Leadership
Conferences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis was the founder and chief executive officer of H.U.R.T. (Helping
Undo Real Trauma) Workshops and PRL (Pursuing Righteous Living) Ministries, Inc., a relevant
entity commissioned by God to create a deliverance atmosphere to people of any ethnicity,
culture, or creed to benefit from God's transforming power forever; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis served the Church of God in Christ for six years as the Pakistan
supervisor and, most recently, as the supervisor of Brazil; many souls came into the knowledge
of Christ as the result of her evangelism; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Lewis also worked alongside her husband, Superintendent James E. Lewis II, senior pastor of Rehoboth Outreach Ministries, Inc., and served as director of the women's ministry, member of the Trustee Board, and member of the praise and worship team; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Lewis enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, James E. Lewis II; she was the proud mother of Darron L. Lewis, Barron K. Lewis, and Sharonda R. Lewis and the devoted grandmother of twelve grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her siblings, Andrew Riley, Angela McClinton, Debra McClinton, Lawrence McClinton, Daniel McClinton, and Samuel McClinton, and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional evangelist and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Dr. Patricia Y. Riley Lewis, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Lewis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.